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SUBJECT: SPANISH SUCCESSION PROTOCOL

1. FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH FRG EMBASSY COLLEAGUE TELLS
US DECISION IS IN WORKS IN MADRID TO HAVE JUAN CARLOS
SWORN IN ON DAY BEFORE THAT CHOSEN FOR FRANCO'S FUNERAL.
OUR COLLEAGUE POINTS OUT THAT EC-NINE HAD DECIDED SOME
TIME AGO TO LIMIT LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT FRANCO'S
FUNERAL TO AMBASSADORS IN MADRID. BY RELATING JUAN
CARLOS' SWEARING-IN TO FRANCO FUNERAL GOS WOULD BE
ATTEMPTING RAISE LEVEL REPRESENTATION SUBSTANTIALLY
SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR REPS ATTENDING SWEARING-
IN TO REFUSE TO STAY FOR FUNERAL. OUR FRG CONTACT
ASSUMES FRANCE, FRG WOULD AT LEAST SEND FONMINS TO BOTH
EVENTS IN SUCH SITUATION. HOWEVER, SOME LIKE DUTCH MAY
CONTINUE TO RESIST SUCH TREND. IN ANY CASE, IDEA OF
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RELATING SWEARING-IN TO FUNERAL WOULD CAUSE NEW PUBLIC

RELATIONS DILEMMAS FOR MOST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.

2. OUR COLLEAGUE ALSO SAYS THAT FRG AMBASSADOR IN MADRID VON LILIENFELD HAS HAD RECENT CONTACT WITH JUAN CARLOS WHOM HE IS SUPPOSED TO KNOW FAIRLY WELL. JUAN CARLOS REPORTEDLY TOLD LILIENFELD THAT, ONCE IN POWER, HE INTENDS PURSUE POLICY OF SUBSTANTIAL LIBERALIZATION. THIS WOULD TEND TO COINCIDE WITH IMPRESSIONS REPORTED MADRID'S 7481.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE OF COURSE NOT ABLE ASSESS EITHER OF ABOVE POINTS. WE HAVE SOUGHT QUAI APPOINTMENT THIS WEEK TO GET FURTHER GOF ASSESSMENT SPANISH SUCCESSION SITUATION AND ON GOF PLANS FOR HANDLING THIS EVENT.
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